RACE IN BUILDING **BIG BATTLESHIPS**

Connecticut Almost as Far Along as Louisiana.

MAY POSSIBLY CATCH UP

Fear in Navy Yard That Congress May Not Make Special Appropriations for Repairs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.-The rapid strides made on the Connecticut in January have brought it so near the Louisiana in percentage of completion that the hopes of the naval constructors that they would beat the Louisiana seem destined to be fulfilled. The latter ship is only .08 ahead of the Brooklyn-built

On January 1 the degree of completion of the Connecticut was 93.69 per cent, and that on the Louisiana 94.17 per cent. On February 1 the Connecti-cut was 95.16 per cent completed, and the Louisiana 95.24 per cent.

Crew Being Assembled.

So near is the Connecticut to completion that the crew for it is now being assembled on board the receiving ship Hancock, in the navy yard.

The officials and workmen of the yard are much pleased by the letter sent to Congress by Secretary Bonaparte asking for an increase in the limit of cost in the case of the Connecticut amounting to 42 per cent of the original limit. The increase asked for on the colliers to be built at the New York navy yard and the Mare Island navy yard equals 25 per cent and that on the training ship Cumberland, nearly completed at the Boston yard, and on the training ship Intrepid, in the same condition at the Mare Island Navy Yard, is 10 per the vessels indicated are to be com-

The navy yard is somewhat disturbed by the port from Washington that there is a possibility that Congress will fail to make the special provision necessary in carrying out the plans of improvement contemplated on such ships as the Massachusetts is now in the yard. If there is any disposition to delay these appropriations or to refuse to make them, there will be serious embarrassment to the yard officials in their efforts to maintain a proper standard of military efficiency.

Would Increase Expenses.

Speaking of this possible omission i Cengress, this opinion was uttered by of the best qualified to speak on naval matters: "There will be a considerable increase in the cost of repairing the fleet in commission, if Congress so acts, for the reason that the yard forces would have to be reorganized, as it were, each time the fleet should come to the each time the fleet should come to the yard for repairs. As it is now, when the fleet is away, the men previously employed on the fleet, or so many of them as are needed, are transferred to this general overhauling of vessels out of commission. This arrangement insures, at the larger yards at least, a fairly continuous supply of work which can be profitably undertaken by the Government, while at the same time maintaining a reasonably effective or ganization of workmen at the yard to meet any emergency."

Oil as Fuel.

"One of the next steps which the Brooklyn navy yard will see in the development of new ideas on the naval service," says an officer of the yard, "will be in the use of oil fuel. This kind of fuel is having a great run in the British navy, comparatively speak-ing. Many tests have been made with oil fuel in the American navy and vo umes of reports have been written about its merits and demerits. The cruiser Hampshire, built by Sir W. G. Armstrong. Whitworth and Company was specially fitted with oil-burning furnaces, in addition to the ordinary coal furnaces. The experiments which have been conducted in this and other vessels have been very satisfactory. In the light of these experiments in England there is little doubt that it will not be long before the experts of the yard here will be fixing their attention on that branch of naval engineering." its merits and demerits. The cruiser

Capps on Battleship Building.

The views of Chief Constructor Capps, of the Navy Bureau of Construction and Repair, on the advantages of having a yard like that of Brooklyn ready at any time for the bullding of a big warship have greatly cheered the navy yard. Here is the exact wording of Mr. Capps' opinions: "I am of the opinion that it would "I am of the opinion that it would be to the advantage of the Government to have one yard on the Atlantic const and one yard on the Pacific coast fully equipped for building a vessel of the battleship class, as a means of protection against possibly exorbitant bids by private shipping firms, and to make it clear that the Government can undertake its own work, if necessary. There was a tendency in the beginning to make a race between the two sister ships—the Louislana and Connecticut—but that is something I have not encouraged except when it did not conflict with the Government's interests. As a matter of fact, both of these vessels, but for the delays in the delivery of certain material supplied by the Government, would have been completed within the contract time of completion stipulated for the Louisiana."

PROMISES TO KEEP SOBER: DROPS DEAD

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.-"If you will let me go this time, judge, I prom ise you I will never be brought before you again," said Robert Bell, sixty years old, to Magistrate Eisenbrown when he was arraigned in the Central

prisoners only to be broken, but the magistrate took Bell at his word and

let him go.

Fifteen minutes later, as he was leaving the northeastern entrance to the city hall. Bell dropped dead, a victim of heart disease.

So far as the police were able to ascertain, the old man had no fixed place of residence.

THIRTY-TWO TAKE PLEDGE AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Thirty-two persons took the pledge administered by the Rev. Father Harlin at a meeting of the Catholic Total Ab-stinence Union yesterday afternoon at stinence Union yesterday afternoon at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.
The Rev. Joseph Brick, S. J., William F. Downey, Matthew Maley, and William Hickey addressed the meeting.
The next meeting of the newly organized branch of the temperance society will be held at the same place next Sunday, when officers will be elected.

UNCLE SAM'S PRIVATE DROMIOS HAVE MOST BEWILDERING TIME



W. T. MARSHALL. Of White House Staff

BAIN FARR. Of Treasury Department.

White House Messenger and Treasury Clerk Cause Confusion.

tity shared by another person?, Would you care to have some one look so much like yourself that people are all the time thinking you are somebody

would you like to have folks on numberless occasions address you as "Jones," because it happened that Jones had features and customs similar to over at the White House?"

Well, there are two men in this city

\$100,000 prize in yesterday's press lot-

tery are two close friends. One is Jean

Registration Office, at Bergerac, and the other is Louis Rouly, who manages

chief clerk of the Mortgage

FRIENDS WIN FORTUNE

at the White House, and Bain Farr, employed in the stationery division of requires him to be in and out many times during the day, and he is pretty well known on the streets. Mr. Farr does not leave the Treasury Department

Both Government Employes.

In consequence of their striking reemblance and Marshall's fame, Mr.

rushed off to inform his friend Rouly

each other, and as they resemble each other closely, they are continually being annoyance and fun. The other day Mar shall went into the Trea-ury Department on an errand from the White House These two men are W. T. Marshall, one of President Roosevelt's messengers at the White House, and Bain Farr, division of Marshall did not go in.

He happened to pass a summons from division and received a summons from one of the clerks to "come in here and help me do some work." Of course, Marshall did not go in.

Could Do Great Things

If Farr were so minded he could easily walk away with the President's desk at the White House any dark night, the officers thinking he was Marshall, and Marshall could get into the Treasury stationery.
Strange to say, Marshall and Farr are

as "Hello, Marshall, how are things over at the White House?"

While the two are not so much alike that Farr could go home and fool Marshall's wife and children, the resemball's wife and children, the resemball's wife and children, the resemball's wife and children the streets as trange to say, Marshall and Farr are not even acquainted, knowing each other only by sight. They declare, however, that some day they will get together acquainted, knowing each other only by sight. They declare, however, that some day they will get together acquainted, knowing each other only by sight. They declare, however, that some day they will get together acquainted, knowing each other only by sight. They declare, however, that some day they will get together acquainted, knowing each other only by sight. They declare, however, that some day they will get together and talk over the various experiences they have had in being taken for the control of the contro

of the Societe Generale Bank, where he had bought the ticket, told him of his

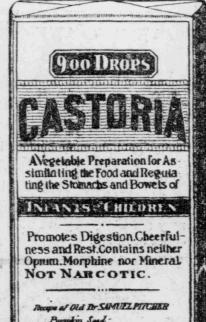
IN PARIS LOTTERY good luck, Feyelt hired a motor car and who lives some twenty miles away. Feyelt intends to resign his position as chief clerk of the Mortgage Registration Office, and join his friend in the management of the wool-combing factors. Feyelt, chief clerk of the Mortgage Registration Office, at Bergerac, and the other is Louis Rouly, who manages a wool-combing factory near Bergerac.

When the clerk from the local branch

A New Baby.

New Baby! What magic, what mystery, what charm these words have for us. Yet, how infinitely more they mean to the mother. A new life; short, to be sure, but full of possibilities. Some one must be patient, hopeful, watchful, proud and never discouraged. That "some one" is the mother. She has heard her baby's first cry, and whether it be her first or tenth, the feeling is the same. Her feeble arms are out-stretched; those arms that will never desert it as long as the mother shall live. And that hand which supports the head of the new-born babe, the mother's hand, supports the civilization of the world.

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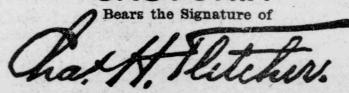
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Steel Plant Taken to Canada to Dodge Tariff Palais

American Capital Erecting Mammoth Establishment at Windsor to Supply Railroad Contract Calling for Steel Rails.

Canada Gets U. S. Steel Plant.

Numerous instances of this sort have een reported from time to tim American consul, who is in Washington on leave, brings to the State Department the report that a mammoth steel plant, larger than anything in that line, now existing in Canada, is to be built at Windsor, just across the river from Detroit, by a big steel manufacturing

The tariff wall along the Canadian boundary line may be high enough to hinder, to a considerable extent, the trade relations between the two countries, but American capital and manufacturers are climbing over and producing their goods on the other side.

American concern, and, owing to the size of the contract and the tariff obstruction, it was decided feasible to build a plant in Canada for the purpose. The plant, however, will be a permanent one, and after the railroad contract is filled, it is hoped that a market still may be found for the product, Dominion Plants Incapable.

Plans already have been made for the onstruction of slightly over 40,000 miles of railroad in the Dominion, and at least five years will be required to accomplish the work. This will call for 1,500,000 tons of steel rail, which is twice as much as the Canadian plants are at Windsor, just across the river from Detroit, by a big steel manufacturing corporation, with headquarters in Pittsburg and New York.

This plant is really constructed purposely to supply a certain large railroad contract. The order was given to the

TEACHER KIDNAPS

Travels With Him Until He Is Nine- Kentucky Woman Killed Them All teen Years of Age, Then

VIENNA, Feb. 19.—A schoolboy named Szepsan disappeared from his home in an Austrian town in 1901, at the age of fourteen, and all search for him proved futile until yesterday, when he was found in the town of Nendeln, in the principality of Liechtenstein.

It has been discovered that he was kidnaped by a school mistress named Buehl, who had a strong affection for her pupil. She took him with her on a tour through Belgium, and afterward to Italy, Constantinople and Jerusalem, finally abandoning him, at the age of nineteen. In Nendeln.

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When first questioned Szepsan energetically denied his identity, and attempted to escape from his father, who came to claim him. On being examined by a judge, however, he confessed, and gave details of his wanderings with Buehl, who, he said, supplied him with money and false papers, and made all arrangements for their journeys. He was placed by her at different times in convents at Rome, Constantinople, and Jerusalem.

FORTY-TWO RATTLERS UNDER HEARTHSTONE

With One Dash of Scald-

MUNFORDSVILLE, Ky., Feb. 19. from six inches to five i'et, were killed under an old-fashioned hearth at th farm house of Isaac Welborn, in the

Roundtree neighborhood. Mrs. Welborn scalded the and, with a pair of tongs, lifted then out and placed them in a row for display. For several weeks Mrs. Welborn had complained that the house was haunted. She persuaded her husband to remove the hearthstone. In a hollow place the snakes were snugly awaiting the coming of warm weather.

BODY OF INFANT IN ALLEY.

LEGS IN NEW JERSEY

NAVESINK, N. J., Feb. 19.—Charles
Coy, of this place, has the longest legs
of any person in the State. He is but
seventeen years old, yet is over six
feet tall. His body is unusually short,
He requires a pair of the state of the sta newspapers, tied with strips of blue

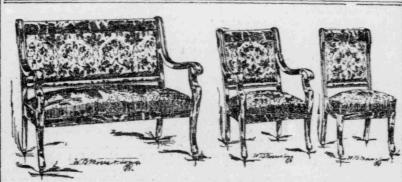
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